Dear Floyd,

12/19/81

As soon as I finish this, which will be short because of it, I'm leaving to mail it with the letter for your lawyer. I've been delayed by a few additional problems of my own plus Lil's sprained ankle. She has not been able to type until today. I can still make the outgoing mail and bring supper back before it gets too dark. While I can drive at night I don't because there can be glare in my cataracts, which are not yet ripe for surgery.

Otherwise we are OK and hope you also are.

Debbie and Jerry were asking for you Xmas Eve. They'd not heard from Connie this holiday. Year before last she was there. Last year she phoned.

No time to make detailed response to what you wrote. But I'm curious about the properly proud references to a son without mention of his mother.

I suppose that by now you have what you can have for convenience and pleasure(?) but if you need anything I have, like a portable radio, let me know. I've one I can spare. Battery and AC.

Not much really new. Nothing material in my work. I've had more limitations on the use of the more damaged leg and foot and just this week the doctor told me I've developed degenerative arthritis in the joint at the ankle. So I'm to walk as much as I can and stay out of the cold and there is no place that doesn't have a concrete floor, which is a nono for arthritis. However, and this takes a big hunk out of the day, I go each morning to the largest mall near here and walk. When I have to stop, usually before a half mile the beginning of it, there is always place to sit. I rest and then I walk again. I carry a pocketbook and when I rest , read, so it doesn't get too boring. While I've never been able to bring the old heater in this old car up to snuff, I've made it safe for the more severely effected foot by using a plastuc gallon jug of hot water on the floor. Or, regardless of the limitations, I make out. If I do miss all the good exercise I got from keeping this place in shape.

Hope the coming year is at least as good as is possible for you.

If you want a copy of the letter and the lawyer doesn't give it to you let me know and I'll send you one.

best wishes,